

**Westfield Police Department  
Press/Media Release**

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The Westfield Police Department is currently participating in the Project Hoosier Safe-T, (Safety Acting for Everyone-Together). This program supplies hand held portable radios and other communications equipment to local agencies. The goal is to help ensure that public safety agencies, (fire and police), at the federal, state and local levels can all communicate more effectively and greatly enhance the response of additional and appropriate agencies in the event of a serious or catastrophic event.

The system is funded and supported by the Integrated Public Safety Commission, (IPSC). The Commission is currently working with federal, state and local agencies to implement this program and is responsible for the construction of towers and controllers throughout the state. This program does not affect or interfere with the existing local communications or dispatch centers.

Radios and equipment acquired through this program may someday replace inadequate, obsolete and incompatible communications equipment for all types of routine and emergency incidents.

The Westfield Police Department will soon be issuing the hand held portable radios in the near future to officers as soon as some initial training has been completed. Additionally, the Westfield Police Department is the first law enforcement agency in Hamilton County to issue and utilize these types of radios throughout the department.